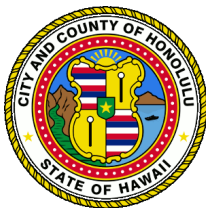


Neighborhood Commission Office



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Sunshine Law, Neighborhood Plan, and Charter Amendments

For many years, Neighborhood Board members under a Sunshine Law exception could attend meetings and seminars of other entities, including private meetings not exclusively directed at the board, under the 'one less than quorum' rule. The authorizing statute requires a report to be entered into the record of the next board meeting detailing who attended and the substance of any board business that was discussed. Many boards expressed their frustration that more than quorum could not attend certain types of meeting such as elected officials' town hall meetings. In 2015, as part of Mayor Caldwell's legislative packet, an amendment was introduced and ultimately adopted creating a new exception which allows neighborhood board members, without any restriction on the number from any one board, to attend public meetings provided the meeting does not

charge an entry fee or require pre-registration. The previous exception still exists for non-public meetings. The NCO thanks everyone who provided input over the years and submitted testimony to the legislature.

The Neighborhood Commission's Neighborhood Plan Committee intends to meet in February 2016 to consider various minor amendments to the Neighborhood Plan. The committee will recommend to the Commission which proposals should be sent out for a public hearing; the Commission anticipates completing the process sometime in the summer. The Commission encourages board members' participation in the process.

The Honolulu Charter Commission is currently considering several proposals which may be placed on the ballot in November 2016. Proposals # 9, 19, 21, 30, 40, 42, 89, 104, 105, 113, 126, 128, 129, 130 affect the Neighborhood Board system. To view the proposals or for more information including how to submit testimony, visit www.honoluluchartercommission.org

Message from the Executive Secretary



Aloha,

As the new Executive Secretary of the Neighborhood Commission Office, my mission is to promote the Neighborhood Board system throughout the island. I look forward to hearing from you on how we can all work together to make our community a better place to live.

A handwritten signature of Shawn Hamamoto in black ink.

Shawn Hamamoto,
Executive Secretary

Please Welcome Commissioner Claire Tamamoto



Congratulations to Claire Tamamoto who was appointed by the City Council to the Neighborhood Commission. She was officially sworn into office on Monday, November 16, 2015. Tamamoto will be com-

pleting the term of the late Charles Zahn, which runs through 2017. Tamamoto previously served on the Neighborhood Commission from 2010 to 2015 and is active in many community organizations in the 'Aiea area.

The Neighborhood Commission's next scheduled regular meetings are on Monday, January 25, and Monday, March 21, 2016, 7:00 p.m. at the Mission Memorial Building Hearings Room, 550 South King Street. Agendas and minutes are available at www.honolulu.gov/nco.

New Website Features



The updated Neighborhood Commission Office website is part of the City's efforts to modernize the digital interface of city agencies and services. The NCO main page is divided into seven sections that will give users easy access to information regarding the staff, commission, resources, and the board system. Visitors now have access to the Neighborhood Commission Office staff contact information, member guidebook and infographics, as well as information regarding the 2017 Neighborhood Board elections.

Testimony is now accepted through an online form on the NCO website. Testifiers must direct their testimony towards a specific board and a specific agenda item. Testimony and public input will still be accepted in person at the board meetings.

Meet our Staff!

Executive Secretary

Shawn Hamamoto

Deputy Secretary

Romeo Garcia

Community Relations Specialist

Bryan Mick

Public Relations Assistants

Uyen Vong & Risé Doi

Secretary

Catherine Proctor

Neighborhood Assistants

Relley Araceley, Neil Baarde,
Amanda Ehe, K. Russell Ho,
Stephen Saito, & Sam Wolff

Senior Clerk

Marie Richardson

Sunshine Law Certification Reminder!

In accordance with Article 12 of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu (ROH), a new board member must complete Sunshine Law certification within three months from the date of taking office. The training video may be viewed on the Office of Information Practices' website.

Save Taxpayer Dollars and Trees!

The Neighborhood Commission Office encourages residents to receive agendas and minutes via email rather than hard copies in the mail. Residents may subscribe to the email list by visiting the Neighborhood Commission Office website at www.honolulu.gov/esub/email-subscribe-nco. Regular, special, and committee meeting agendas and minutes are available through this free service.

Did you know?



The Neighborhood Board system is the only government-supported civic engagement system in the State of Hawaii.

The first Neighborhood Board, Millilani/Waipio'o/Melemanu No. 25, was formed in 1975.

Mayor Kirk Caldwell previously served on the Kaimukī and Mānoa Neighborhood Boards.

The next Neighborhood Board elections are slated to begin on April 28, 2017 through May 19, 2017.

In the 2015 Neighborhood Board elections, there were 611 candidates—the highest in over 10 years.



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"Aloha! I was honored to serve on both the Kaimukī and Mānoa Neighborhood Boards, and have seen the positive role the boards can play in the community. They exemplify participatory democracy at its finest!"

—Mayor Kirk Caldwell
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